

Remarks:

Regarding the amended claims presented herein:

In this paper the applicant cancels all prior claims, and presents new claims for consideration by the Office. As discussed in the personal Interview, the current claims are based on two independent claims which include the transitional phrase “consisting essentially of”, which the undersigned believes will be favorably considered by the Office. Also presented are further dependent claims which depend from one of the two independent claims presented herein.

Regarding the prior rejection of claims 1-8, and 13-26 under 35 USC 102(e) or 35 USC 103(a) in view of US 6080387 to Zhou, et al. (hereinafter “Zhou”):

As the applicant presents new claims in this paper, such are believed to render the prior rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and/or 35 USC 103(a) is requested, and withdrawal of the rejection is urged.

Regarding the prior rejection of claims 1-8, and 13-27 under 35 USC 102(b) and/or 35 USC 103(a) in view of US 3282776 to Kitzke (hereinafter simply “Kitzke”):

As the applicant presents new claims in this paper, such are believed to render the prior rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and/or 35 USC 103(a) is requested, and withdrawal of the rejection is urged.

Regarding the prior rejection of claim 28 in view of 35 USC 103(a) in view of US 4695453 to Tuominen, et al. (hereinafter “Tuominen”), in view of US 6080387 to Zhou et al. (“Zhou”) or in view of US 3282776 to Kitzke (“Kitzke”):

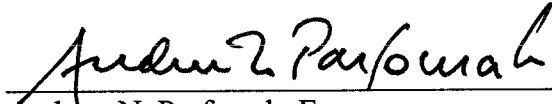
As the applicant presents new claims in this paper, such are believed to render the prior rejection of the claims as moot. Accordingly, reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and/or 35 USC 103(a) is requested, and withdrawal of the rejection is urged.

The early issuance of a *Notice of Allowability* is solicited.

CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, including any extension of time fees, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully Submitted;



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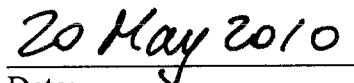
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